

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/09/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16 and 18-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1) An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312: To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Fairbairn on 6/1/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 16 to be re-written as shown below:

--[Currently Amended] A gas purging block for use with injection molding and die casting systems, comprising

a stationary-side block comprising:

a stationary-side inner surface;

a stationary-side outer surface parallel to the stationary-side inner surface;

a pair of stationary-side coolant fluid channels extending completely through the stationary-side block ~~between~~ adjacent the stationary-side inner surface ~~and stationary-side outer surface~~ such that cooling fluid is

circulatable in the pair of channels to facilitate heat transfer from the stationary-side inner surface; and

a first stationary-side mounting means for mounting the stationary-side block to a first holder block; and

an ejector-side block comprising:

an ejector-side inner surface, adapted to engage with the stationary-side inner surface to define a gas passageway;

an ejector-side outer surface parallel to the ejector-side inner surface;

a pair of ejector-side coolant fluid channels extending completely through the ejector-side block ~~between~~ adjacent the ejector-side inner surface ~~and the ejector-side outer surface~~ such that cooling fluid is circulatable in the pair of channels to facilitate heat transfer from the ejector-side inner surface; and

a first ~~an~~-ejector-side mounting means for mounting the ejector-side block to a second holder block;

wherein the first stationary-side mounting means comprises fasteners adapted to be inserted through the pair of stationary-side coolant fluid channels, and wherein the first ejector-side mounting means comprises fasteners adapted to be inserted through the pair of ejector-side coolant fluid channels.--

Please delete claim 17.

Reasons for Allowance

2) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Please see Attorney's remarks for further information.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to G. Nagesh Rao whose telephone number is (571) 272-2946. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571)272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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